

AREA ATTRACTIONS



SACRAMENTO MUSEUMS



California Museum for History, Women & the Arts

One block from Capitol Park

1020 O St. at 10th St. 95814 // (916) 653-7524

<http://www.californiamuseum.org>

Home of the California Hall of Fame and dedicated to telling the rich history of the state and its unique influence on the world of ideas, innovation, art and culture. The museum features inspiring programs and cultural legacy conveyed through dynamic exhibits. Awe at the six-story "Constitution Wall," Sacramento's largest art piece that changes throughout the day.



California State Capitol Museum

10th & L Sts., 95814 // (916) 324-0333

<http://www.statecapitolmuseum.ca.gov>

The Capitol is a working museum. Since 1869, it has served as home to the legislative branch of state government and the Governor's office. Guided tours, informative films and recreated historic rooms and exhibits allow visitors to explore the past, present and future of California. Guided tours of Capitol Park are available Memorial Day through Labor Day, or upon special request.



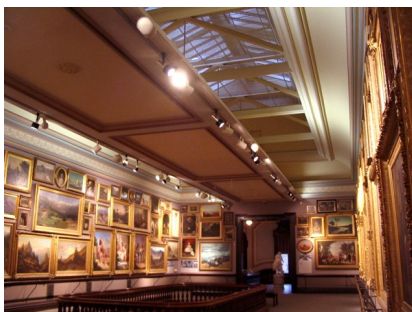
California State Railroad Museum

Old Sacramento Historic District

111 I St., 95814 // (916) 445-2560

<http://www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org>

Widely regarded as one of North America's finest and most visited rail museums, the California State Railroad Museum is home to lavishly restored trains, engaging exhibits and special events. Every weekend, April-September, ride behind a steam locomotive on the museum's Sacramento Southern Railroad that parallels the Sacramento River.



Crocker Art Museum

216 O St., 95814 // (916) 808-0177

<http://www.crockerartmuseum.org>

In 1869, Judge Edwin B. and Margaret Crocker assembled a collection of more than 700 paintings and 1,300 master drawings during their family's 1869-71 trip to Europe. Following this sojourn, the Crockers acquired numerous paintings by contemporary Californian artists, forming the core of a California collection that has evolved until the present day and is now considered one of the finest in the United States.



Sutter's Fort

2701 L St., 95816 // (916) 445-4422

<http://www.suttersfort.org/>

In the heart of Midtown Sacramento, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park captures the pioneer spirit of families arriving in wagon trains at the dawn of the California Gold Rush. John Sutter built the fort and his agricultural empire, and he was critical in the rescue of the tragic Donner Party and served as a diplomat with the Mexican government until it all came crashing down in 1848.



LOCAL FAVORITES



Second Saturday Art Walk

Throughout Midtown Sacramento

<http://www.2nd-sat.com>

Every second Saturday, Sacramento galleries open late into the evening with local visual and musical artists present. Summer nights are filled with a convivial atmosphere and restaurants, cafes and bars provide welcome respite from tired legs and bustling sidewalks. Shuttle service now available and most galleries open 6-9 p.m.; some close at 10 p.m.



Farmers Markets

Locations vary throughout the week

Downtown & Midtown Sacramento // (916) 442-8575

<http://farmtoforkcapital.com/>

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May through October, Downtown Certified Farmers' Markets define the summer season. Showcasing the finest in locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. The markets feature tasty and locally processed cheeses and artisan breads. Usually hot food vendors are on-site for a filling lunch.



Sacramento River Cats

Raley Field

400 Ballpark Drive, West Sacramento 95691 // (916) 376.4700

<http://www.rivercats.com>

Since moving to Sacramento in 2000, the River Cats have enjoyed the best attendance in all of the minor leagues as the Triple-A affiliate of the Oakland A's Major League Baseball franchise. The stadium also hosts major performances by Dave Matthews Band, as well as special sporting events for soccer or boxing enthusiasts.



Friday Night Concerts in the Park

Cesar Chavez Plaza

10th & J Sts., 95814 // (916) 442.8575

<http://www.downtownsac.org/concerts>

Every Friday night, May through mid-August, this series shines the spotlight on some of the city's hottest and rising musicians. The variety of genres – rock, pop, punk, blues and folk – reflects Sacramento's love for all things diverse. Admission is free and the event features food concessions and a beer garden. Concert wristbands garner specials at local bars and restaurants.



Old Sacramento National Historic Landmark & State Historic Park

Visitor Center at Second & J Sts., 95814 // (916) 442-7644 or (916) 558-3912

<http://www.oldsacramento.com>

Get a taste of Sacramento during the Gold Rush. Take a horse-drawn carriage ride on the cobblestone streets and walk along the wooden boardwalks. Walking tours are available and the Living History program folks regularly promenade through the streets as Gold Rush-era characters. Browse more than 100 shops, restaurants and museums located steps from the Sacramento to River.



CASINOS



Cache Creek Casino Resort

45 minutes west of Sacramento

14455 Highway 16, Brooks, CA 95606 // (800) 452-8181

<http://www.cachecreek.com>

This 24-hour gaming site includes 3,100 slot machines, 142 game tables, two high-stakes rooms, a 28-table poker room, live entertainment and eight themed restaurants; 200-room adjoining hotel. The resort offers four-diamond, four-star accommodations at its 200-room luxury hotel. Experience one of Golfweek's 2011 & 2012 Best Resort Courses and Top Casino Courses in America at the Yocha Dehe Golf Club and then dine in one of the nine featured restaurants.



Jackson Rancheria Casino, Hotel & Conference Center

70 minutes east of Sacramento

12222 New York Ranch Rd., Jackson, CA 95642 // (800) 822-9466

<http://www.jacksoncasino.com>

This 24-hour casino includes 1,500 slot machines, 47 game tables, 15 poker tables, bingo, live entertainment and seven themed restaurants. Stay the night in the adjoining and newly renovated three-diamond, three-star hotel, offering 86 deluxe rooms and suites. Refresh yourself in our heated outdoor pool or soak in one of our hot tubs. The RV park is a just a brief shuttle ride away.



Red Hawk Casino

40 minutes east of Sacramento

1 Red Hawk Pkwy., Placerville, CA 95667 // (530) 677-7000

<http://www.redhawkcasino.com/>

An experience unlike any other, Red Hawk Casino offers a new class of excitement and gaming action in California. World-class gaming floor, including: over 2,100 slot machines, progressive jackpots, 75 table games, premier high-limit area, entirely non-smoking lower level and live poker tournaments and cash games. Dine at award-winning Henry's Steakhouse and enjoy USDA Prime and Wagyu steaks from Allen Bros. or succulent Colorado lamb. Choose from more than 70 wines by the glass or 700 bottles.



Thunder Valley Casino Resort

35 minutes northeast of Sacramento

1200 Athens Ave., Lincoln, CA 95648 // (916) 408-7777

<http://www.thundervalleyresort.com>

This gaming and entertainment destination features Las Vegas-style excitement with 200,000 square feet of gaming space. The resort features 14 food and drink options, including three full-service restaurants. Stay at the 297-room luxury hotel or reserve a private cabana in the 35,000-square-foot pool area. Get a manicure and pedicure or an exclusive 24-carat gold leaf facial from the spa or catch a show at the 10,000-square-foot outdoor amphitheater.



DAY TRIPS - AMADOR WINE COUNTRY



Amador Wine Region

One hour east of Sacramento

Plymouth, 95669 // (888) 655-8614

<http://www.amadorwine.com>

Where miners of 1850 once discovered gold, wine enthusiasts are discovering reds: zinfandel, syrah, barbera and sangiovese. These historic foothills allow visitors to gaze upon snow-capped Sierra Mountains and sun-drenched hillsides. After browsing through antique shops, art galleries and museums, guests can also picnic under grand old oak trees.



Sutter Gold Mine

75 minutes east of Sacramento

13660 Highway 49, Sutter Creek, 95685 // (888) 762-2837

<http://www.cavern tours.com/sgmt.html>

Don a hardhat and see a modern hard rock mine firsthand. Initially developed for gold extraction in the late 1890s, the Sutter Gold Mine takes visitors deep into the heart of the Motherlode and offers a comprehensive look into the gold mining process. Guided underground tours available daily and year round. Ideal for adults and children older than four.



Chaw'se Grinding Rock State Historic Park

80 minutes east of Sacramento

14881 Pine Grove Volcano Rd, Pine Grove, 95665 // (209) 296-7488

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=553

Long before the Gold Rush, Northern Sierra Miwoks regularly gathered at a huge outcropping of marbleized limestone just outside of the present-day town of Volcano. They pulverized acorns and other seeds into meal. Today a 135-acre park preserves the Chaw'se, or grinding rock, pocked with more than 1,185 mortars and etched with 383 petroglyphs – the largest collection of bedrock mortar in North America.



Black Chasm Cavern

80 minutes east of Sacramento

15701 Volcano Pioneer Rd, Volcano, 95689 // (209) 736-2708

<http://www.cavern tours.com/BlackRt.htm>

Black Chasm Cavern was designated a National Natural Landmark by the National Park Service in 1976 and is considered a "nationally significant natural area." Visitors to the cave are enchanted by the beauty of a wide variety of formations including stalactites, stalagmites, flowstones and the vast arrays of rare helictite crystals, for which Black Chasm Cavern is justly famous. Above ground, kids love our gemstone mining at our mining flumes right outside the visitors center.



DAY TRIPS - DELTA RIVER COUNTRY



Delta Wine Region & the Old Sugar Mill

30 minutes south of Sacramento

35265 Willow Ave., Clarksburg 95612 // (916) 744-1615

<http://oldsugarmill.com>

Follow the Sacramento River into the historic delta where drawbridges, migrating waterfowl and fine wineries make for an unforgettable experience. Once the heart of Clarksburg's economy, the Old Sugar Mill, formerly a sugar beet mill, has been restored and preserved. The center is home to a collection of retail shops and wine tasting rooms as well as frequent special events. Open Wednesday - Sunday.



Isenberg Crane Reserve / Woodbridge Ecological Reserve

30 minutes south of Sacramento

West Woodbridge Rd., Lodi 95242 // (916) 358-2353

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regions/3/cranetour>

Witness awe-inspiring flights of Sandhill cranes in the fall and winter months. Avid and novice birders/birdwatchers can spot barn owls, herons, pelicans, vultures, hawks, ibises, shrikes, swans, stilts, and ducks as well. Guided tours along grain fields and marshes are available. Open weekends from October through late February.



Cecchetti Olive Oil Co.

40 minutes south of Sacramento

Lodi, 95242 // (209) 369-6868

<http://www.gotoliveoil.net>

Connoisseurs are learning there's more to Lodi than fine wines! One hundred-year-old Manzanillo olive trees yield high-quality extra virgin olive oil. The trees are dry-farmed and have a unique fruity flavor, as other fruit trees and grape vines grow nearby. The unfiltered, cold-pressed oil also boasts a robust flavor. Tours and tasting available for groups of seven or more.



Delta River Cruise

55 minutes south of Sacramento

445 West Weber Avenue, Stockton, 95203 // (916) 399-9342

<http://www.deltarivercruise.com>

Meet the past, present and future of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. A 90 -minute tour provides an entertaining glimpse into Stockton's rich maritime past and peers into its promising future. Explore coves like Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn; glide past stately waterfront homes and watch transfixed as ocean-going vessels navigate at the Port of Stockton.